details which have already been asked for. Out of the 4 members of the Special Team, S/Shri R. N. Tandon and S. Guria has since retired.

The question of taking action against the members of the Team and fixing responsibility would arise only after the liabilities of the companies are finally determined.

Submission of plans to produce Dexamethasone by M/s. Merind

1221. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Merind have submitted to his Ministry their plans to produce Dexamethasone from basic stages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that duty reduction on various intermediates have been proposed, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the production from more basic stage and penultimates have been given same price in respect of Dexamethasone; and

(e) what are the names of units producing Dexamethasone and from what stage ?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) :
(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s. Merind have indicated that they are hoping to go to a more basic stage once CSIR, Jammu, with whom they have a sponsored Research agreement, supplies them the know how.

(c) The changes in the custom duties effected on various intermediates in the finance bill 1993-94 are available in the Parliament Library,

(d) and (e) M/s. Cadila & Merind are producing Dexamethasone its Salts from penultimate stages and the prices fixed on 1-3-1993 are as given below :—

Sl. No.	Name of Bulk Durg	Unit	Maximum price (Rs.)
1.	Daxamethasone pure	gm	164·00
2.	Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate	gm	181 00

Violation of provisions of D.P.C.O.

1222. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that provisions of DPCO, 1987 were violated in giving prices increase of bulk drugs and formulations consequent on devaluation of rupee;

(b) whether it is a fact that under DPCO, 1987 it is mandatory that producers should apply for revision in prices of bulk drugs and formulations after giving break up of consumption of materials per unit of production and invoices bills for the rates;

(c) whether it is also a fact that both these aspects of DPCO, 1987 were ignored and suo moto increases were given ignoring the provisions of DPCO, 1987; and

(d) if so, the persons responsible for this state of affairs and the reasons for not ordering investigation to fix responsibility into the whole affair ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per para 3 of DPCO, 1987 the Government may, with a view to regulate the equitable distribution and increasing supply of an indigenously manufactured scheduled bulk drug and make it available at fair prices after making such iaquiry as it deems fit, fix from time to